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after the acetic acid fermentation, the fruit vinegar is sterilized and filtered by ultra filtration.--

REMARKS

Claims 13-? Are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as containing subject matter which was not described in the specification in such a way as to reasonably convey to one skilled in the relevant art that the inventor(s), at the time the application was filed, had possession of the claimed invention.

This rejection is respectfully traversed. Claims 1-20 have now been replaced by new claims 21-31. Support for these claims can be found in the specification as filed as follows:

Claim 21 is based upon the disclosure concerning pH condition in the last paragraph on page 5, and page 6, lines 1-12.

Apple juice and grape juice as diluents are disclosed on page 6, line 17.

Resins are disclosed on page 6, lines 8-9.

Claim 29 is based upon the disclosure of page 9, lines 7-17.

Claims 1-10 and 13-19 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. The Examiner

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alleges that the scope of the phrase "alkaline agent" is unknown.

This rejection is respectfully traversed. Claims 1-10 and 13-19 have now been replaced by new claims 21-31, and there is no recitation of an alkaline agent in these claims.

In view of the above, it is respectfully submitted that the claims are now in condition for allowance, and favorable action thereon is earnestly solicited.

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